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### MISSOULA MAYOR RESIGNS TO HEAD UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA CENTER

#### MISSOULA --

Missoula Mayor Daniel Kemmis will leave office in September to lead a regional study center at The University of Montana—Missoula.

At a press conference with UM President George Dennison Thursday, Kemmis announced his resignation as mayor effective the day after Labor Day. Kemmis will leave the office he has held since January 1990 and become interim director of the Center for the Rocky Mountain West, which he has served in an advisory capacity since its beginning.

Established in 1992, the center's mission is to study the history, culture and economy of the Rocky Mountain Region and to assist the region with public policy analysis. Kemmis' work at the Center will include conducting his own research and writing a book about the West.

Missoula voters have twice elected Kemmis, a Democrat, to oversee their city. His resignation will be effective at noon Tuesday, Sept. 3. The City Council will name a successor to fill the 16 months remaining in his second four-year term, which expires Dec. 31, 1997.

"One of the reasons for the timing of this announcement is to provide ample time for transition to a new administration," Kemmis said. "It is my hope that a successor can be named by the end of July so that he or she can have a full month to work with me on that transition."

During his 6½ years at the helm of city government, Kemmis has emerged as a nationally recognized authority on the West's special challenges involving growth and development. Kemmis

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said his new job at the Center for the Rocky Mountain West will enable him to devote more time to helping the West establish an identity in the face of change.

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